



# NASHUA NUMISMATIST

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## NASHUA COIN CLUB

Minutes of the Meeting  
9 February 2004

The meeting was opened at 7:00PM by President Randy Bullis and control was soon passed on to Vice President Bob Landry. Eleven members were present in the conference room of the Chandler Library. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. There was no treasurer's report since Bob Fritsch was not present. The topic of the treasurer's report brought up a discussion of the old business of our club's slowly diminishing funds and how to stop it. Some ideas were brought up and will be presented elsewhere in this issue for members to vote on.

A reminder to all members that the White Elephant sale will be in April, just in time for spring cleaning.

Tim Samson did not attend the meeting and speculation about his Penguin plunge for charity into the Atlantic Ocean on Sunday possibly caused it.

Roger Levesque asked for the club to accept his resignation due to health issues. The club did not accept his resignation because he is a life member and will always be a member, however he was excused from having to attend anymore than a meeting whenever he feels up to it.

The coin of the month was U.S.

cent type sets and any U.S. cent for the raffle. The quiz was all about mintages of U.S. cents and a toughy it was. We all took a guess at which years the mintages occurred (except for Ken) and we then looked up the actual data in the Red Book. Some of us were surprised at how early in the Mint's years, these high mintages took place. I say, except for Ken, because he was pretty much on the money when it came to picking the year of the mintage, especially on the early large cents.

Looking through the Red Book, we noted that, as of the year 2000, 1982 was the year with the most cents minted (over 16 billion). The members then discussed why do we keep the cent and how it's probably due to tax rates, and besides, who would keep the extra cents per transaction if we round up. Then the question came up: why do we keep gas prices at 9/10s?

The Coin of the Month raffle was won by Frank Clark AGAIN. The attendance raffle of \$2.75 was won by David Heimbach AGAIN.

Coins submitted for Coin of the Month raffle were : Roger 1968-S Unc; Ken 1951 Unc; Cliff 1977 worn; Randy Off Center; Bob L. 1902 Indian; John S. 1970 circ. Small Date; Charlie 1994 Zinc; Don 1958 BU in an interesting holder; Frank 1918 w/VDB; (this was the year, the VDB came back to the cent).

Cliff brought in his son's science

experiment for show and tell. This was a 1995-D Lincoln cent which was dipped in hydrochloric acid. The acid eats the zinc and leaves the very thin copper coating intact with the Lincoln impression.

Roger hosted a free raffle won by Don Pickering. This was for a mule coin of a Washington Quarter obverse coin with a sacagawea reverse. A copy of course minted by the Morgan Mint and plated in Rose Gold.

Roger then hosted an auction at the end of meeting. He sold many nice lots of coins. If you missed this one, you missed a lot.

The meeting was closed at 9:05.PM. The next meeting is 8 March.

Respectfully submitted,  
Randy Bullis  
President

# FEBRUARY QUIZ

by Bob Fritsch

## Coin of the Month

Here are some questions about altered coins.

1. For which event were elongated cents first produced?
2. These coins were altered by shaving off one or both faces of the coin and engraving something on the blank. What were these objects of affection called, and what is the club dedicated to their collection?
3. What was the most common item engraved on the items in #2?
4. In the 60s and 70s, cents began appearing with something added, like Lincoln smoking a pipe or JFK facing Lincoln. There were even some cutouts like a heart. Are these things worth anything today?

This month, members were asked to fill their cent type sets with an interesting mix of coinage. Also, bring along a cent for the raffle and show and tell. Following are some of the excellent examples.

Cliff put together a transition set which contained a 1959 Lincoln, 1958 Lincoln, 1859 Indian, 1858 Flying Eagle, and an 1852 large cent (due to the cost of the 1857).

Randy's set was a replica set which included copies of the 1972 double die Lincoln, 1955 double die Lincoln, 1877 Indian, 1856 Flying Eagle, and a 1799 Large cent (which did not fit into the holder due to the larger size of the early cents).

### JANUARY ANSWERS:

1. 1793 Chain Cent
2. 1798 Draped Bust Cent.
3. 1857 Flying Eagle Cent.
4. 1907 Indian head Cent.
5. 1945(P) Lincoln Cent.

John had a very nice set which included XF or better examples of a 1983 zinc Lincoln, 1943 steel Lincoln, 1877 Indian (a real one), 1858 Flying Eagle, and an 1856 Large cent.

Jim's set was a composition set which had a zinc Lincoln, steel Lincoln, bronze Indian, copper nickel Flying Eagle, and a copper Large cent. He said it was only missing the brass Lincoln cent. His set also came along with a presentation sheet describing all the compositions.

Charlie brought in an 1837 Large cent with a hole for show and tell. The hole was perfect with no lip of metal as if drilled. He questioned what caused it and all the members attempted a guess.

Ken showed around a New Zealand cent dated 1943 found in the ground at Needham High School. Odd find in that area.

## SHOW CALENDAR 2004

12-14 Mar – Baltimore, MD

14 Mar – Westford

19-21 Mar – Bay State Boston

**21 MAR - 3rd SUNDAY, HOLIDAY INN**

26-28 Mar – ANA Portland, OR

28 Mar – Willimantic, CT

28 Mar – Auburn

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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Randy Bullis

Old business this month consisted of that age old problem. Too many costs, not enough income. Well, after two months of talking of ideas on how to slow down the negative budget, members have come up with some ideas that we all need to vote on. Please submit your vote by mail, email, or at the March meeting.

Dues to increase to \$10 per year for regular members. \$5 for new members the first year, and \$5 for junior members to age 18.

Fund raiser such as a White Elephant during the April meeting.

October banquet: \$10 for guest, \$5 for members.

Working with Newicks to create a special menu just for us that has meals less than \$12 each. (this would require volunteers and printing costs).

50/50 raffle at coin show (would require volunteers).

Some other ideas were presented but the consensus was negative. Ideas such as investing the club's CDs in a more riskier, lucrative investment. This was turned down since the club would need an investment manager and a lot more time to watch their investment.

One more idea would be presenting a coin show, but this would involve many volunteers and would require an outlay of cash as well with no guarantees. Since the club already virtually hosts a show twice a year, this was turned down. Moving the banquet to a cheaper location and/or having pizza. This was turned down since no one wants to go out of their way for pizza and a no one could think of a pizza parlor or other restaurant where there would be a room just for us and have the ability to make presentations. Newicks, it was decided, was the perfect location for the banquet.

Please vote, your vote matters. By the end of the March meeting, we will have decisions on the issues listed above so get your votes in soon. Thanks and happy collecting.

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## **NEXT MEETING 8 MARCH AT THE CHANDLER LIBRARY**

### **COIN OF THE MONTH**

**Bring in any cent that is  
damaged. Not counterfeited. I.e.  
Elongated, tooled, love token, cut in  
half, dissolved in acid, buried, good luck  
charms, jewelry cut outs, etc.**





# NASHUA NUMISMATIST

January 2004

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## NASHUA COIN CLUB

Minutes of the Meeting  
12 January 2004

The meeting was opened at 7:05PM by President Randy Bullis with the Pledge of Allegiance. Fourteen members were present in the Green Room of the Chandler Library. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's Report was read and approved. Correspondence was limited to the usual magazines and mail offers, plus letters from California member Michael Turrini. There was no old business.

Under new business, a long discussion on stemming the outflow of the treasury was held. We spent about \$500 more last year than we brought in. Ideas include raising dues, but that will not help us this year. The new regime will make that decision. A cheaper banquet was suggested, where the contributions are raised, or the club pays \$5 per meal and the rest of the bill is on the diner. Fund raisers are always a good idea and the next White Elephant sale will be in April, just in time for spring cleaning.

The quiz was not in the newsletter, but three of the four answers were known by the members. The fourth question was about Gibraltar, and Bob Fritsch gave a quick history and geography lesson about that most interesting colony. Included in the Coin of the Month, featuring lions, was a Norway 1979 5 Ore, Philippine 1970 5 Sentimo, three Great Britain 10 New Pence of 1968, 1976, and 1980. Frank Clark won the pot. Bob Fritsch gave an impromptu talk on the decimal conversion and how the old Pounds-Shilling-Pence system was converted to decimal Pounds. Next month is the Cent Type sets, with a cent of your choice as the raffle coin.

The attendance raffle of \$3.50 was won by David Heimbach. A graph of the performance of the Euro against the Dollar was shown, with a steady rise in the cost of the Euro. The rapid rise of gold and silver prices was noted.

Nominations for the 2004 officers and board were:

President – Randy Bullis

VP – Bob Landry, Charlie Dube, Scott McIver

Sec/Treas – Bob Fritsch

Director – Don Pickering

As all offices were unopposed, a white ballot for the slate was cast. Congratulations and thanks to those who stepped forward to lead our club for 2004.

In Show and Tell, Bob Landry had three bronze medals of the Dahlonga Mint, the dedication of the Philadelphia Mint, and the Illinois Sesquicentennial. He also showed a stickered 2003 silver Eagle bearing Defenders of Freedom. Bob Fritsch showed a Series 2003 \$2 bill received from Bank of NH, a medal sculpted by Antoine Bovy, a stored value card received from Kinko's, and told of his adventures at the FUN Convention on Orlando, FL, last weekend. Ken Camilleis told of the 1834 \$5 gold half Eagle with reduced weight, also known as "mint drops", which was part of Andrew Jackson's "Specie Circular". The auction brought in \$20.

The meeting was closed at 8:58PM. The next meeting is 9 February.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert F. Fritsch  
Secretary

## JANUARY QUIZ

By Bob Fritsch

This is a simple quiz about US Cents. All answers were from the Red Book.

1. What year did the US start minting Federal-issue Cents and what type was it?
2. What was the first US Cent and year to have a mintage of over 1 million?
3. What was the first US Cent and year to have a mintage of over 10 million?
4. What was the first US Cent and year to have a mintage of over 100 million?
5. What was the first US Cent and year to have a mintage of over 1 billion?

## DECEMBER ANSWERS:

1. Sierra Leone. 2. English – Lion standing on crown; Scottish – Lion sitting on crown. 3. Rwanda-Burundi. 4. Gibraltar.

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## **NEXT MEETING 9 FEBRUARY AT THE CHANDLER LIBRARY**

### **COIN OF THE MONTH**

**Bring your capital plastic holders  
with the cents in it. Also any U.S. Cent  
for the drawing.**





# NASHUA NUMISMATIST

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## IMPORTANT:

**THE MEETING IS NOT THE SECOND MONDAY OF THIS MONTH, INSTEAD IT IS THE 3RD TUESDAY, APRIL 20TH.**

### NASHUA COIN CLUB

Minutes of the Meeting  
8 March 2004

The meeting was opened at 7:00PM by President Randy Bullis with the Pledge of Allegiance. Nine members were present in the Chandler Library. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Cliff and his wife were thanked for the gift of Girl Scout cookies.

Old business was the first issue of discussion. Votes were taken on the actions our club should pursue. It is official that starting January 2005, dues will increase to \$10 per year for a regular membership, \$5 for new members for the first year, and \$5 for juniors under age 18. Also approved was the cost per member for the October banquet. This will now be \$10 per guest and \$5 for members. Cliff LoVerme did some research on the Newick's menu for us. It was discovered that the average meal is around 12 - 15 dollars. The club decided that we did not need to make a special menu to stick to with since the increases voted for above, should help out considerably.

The club's annual White Elephant sale is to occur during this next meeting. Some preview of the items to be auctioned included U.S. paper dollar stamped Hawaii, a plastic Coca-Cola bottle bank,

slabbed coinage, some pottery and dishes. Members are searching their houses during March for items to sell during the April meeting.

The club discussed Coin Star machines and their ability to recycle coins into circulation. Randy had read somewhere that these machines put more coins back into circulation in one year than the U.S. Mint produces during that same period. These machines are believed to charge 9 % for the disposal of your loose coins. It is also noted, that the machines have a bucket on the side or rear that collectors should check because this is where the foreign coins go that aren't processed. Most people don't think to check that bin before leaving. Since there are no more pay phones to check for change due to the wide use of cell phones, this would be the next best alternative. Speaking of cell phones, many of our members are still holding out and do not have them yet.

A discussion of the Home Shoppers Network and their coin sales came up. For 9 grand, one could buy all the platinum and gold eagles. We wondered. Are there people sitting there watching TV and say "hey, that's neat, here's my credit card." This lead to the mention of the Mint charging \$8.95 for two rolls of the new 2004 commemorative nickel, both P and D mint mark.

They are available on the Mint's web page.

Speaking about rolls, made us do an impromptu quiz about them. How many coins are in each roll? 50 cents, 40 nickels, 50 dimes, 40 quarters, 20 halves, and 25 dollars. It was noted that the original rolls of dollars given out at Walmart contained 10.

Some club members are wondering if Gary Galbo has the latest thumb busters for the state quarters. If he does, we hoped he would bring them in soon. Members want matching folders for their quarter collections.

The attendance raffle of \$2.25 was won by Randy Bullis.

A coin dealer named Southern Mass Coin Sales which hosts mail bid sales has gotten Bob Landry very interested in submitting bids by mail trying to get a good buy. Other items of show and tell included an article in the Numismatist all about our dear Bob Fritsch was brought in by Randy. Randy also brought in a cleaned 1984 double die obverse Lincoln cent to show since the coin of the month was damaged coins.

Coin of the Month submissions included a Lincoln cent that looked like one side was not minted, however, as Bob Landry, who submitted it, notes, the one side was

## MARCH QUIZ

No quiz for April due to no coin of the month

## FEBRUARY ANSWERS:

1. Columbian Exposition of 1892-93. The Indian Head cent was most commonly used but I imagine a few Flying Eagles also got squashed.
2. Love Token and The Love Token Society. 3. Initials or monograms. 4. Not hardly.

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rubbed off by a sander. Scratches on the coin confirmed this. Cliff brought in an elongated cent for the Baltimore ANA show. On the coin was an owl, an oriole, and a raven. These are symbols of Baltimore's sports teams. Jim had an elongated of Rumplik Funeral Home in Cleveland, Ohio. Yes, it did exist. A search on the internet shows many references to it, but I think it is no longer in business. Ken put in a double sided Lincoln cent. A creation done very well with an obverse from 1916 and an obverse from 1930. Randy submitted a quarter bent just that day by his friend's car seat as well as a Jamaican cent corroded and scratched. This was found on the ground in Jamaica.

This year, the ANA show is closer and is in Pittsburg, PA. Charlie might go and was wondering if anyone else was planning to.

Show and tell items included the following:

Jim showed us a 1923 Peace dollar that was cut out as jewelry. Bob Landry showed an Ike dollar that had a hole drilled in it and a Sacagawea dollar placed in the hole, thus making our first bimetallic dollar. This was auctioned later in the meeting and the \$12 was donated to the club. He also showed an 1853 half dime with the word half scratched off.

Charlie showed us a token from Louisiana that indicated it was the pelican state, the 18th state as of 1812. He also showed us a 1981 quarter with a micro P mintmark.

Cliff showed us his book of Morgan dollars. This collection is really coming along nicely. He asked why a couple of his dollars were toning so much. At first, we thought it might be the book he had them in, but on closer inspection, we noticed the dollars had been polished at one time and were coming back to their original state of color.

Ken showed us a national magazine that had a photo of his super find of a \$5 gold piece. He also showed us a dictionary from 1837 stating that it was made by Noah Webster. Very interesting due to some of the words that aren't still used today and some that had different meanings, such as "computer", "one who computes numbers".

Randy's item for display was a Numismatist magazine that contained an article all about Bob Fritsch. He also brought in a 1984 double die obverse Lincoln cent that had been cleaned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50. The next meeting is up in the air when it can be held due to Library schedules.

Respectfully submitted,  
Randy Bullis  
President



## President's Message

Randy Bullis

March 25, 2004, 5:55 PM, my daughter, Nicole was born. She weighed 9 pounds 3 ounces and was the easier delivery than all the movies and classes told me it would be. During a routine office visit, the doctor didn't like what he was seeing and sent my wife for an ultra sound at the hospital. A short time later, I was called at work informing me to get to Manchester for a baby delivery. I arrived at 4:00 and 2 hours later after a C-section, it was over. I sit and type this message the next day as mom and baby sleep.

I guess this means I'll be able to make the next meeting of the club without any foreseeable problems and that brings me to the main topic I want to discuss. The library has been going through some growing pains lately and staffing has been a bit of a problem for them. A true nuisance to us as well and because of this, we have had to make a few changes in our meetings beginning with this next one in April. The meeting will be held on April 20th, which is the 3rd Tuesday of the month. We may have to meet on this day of the month from now on if we still want to meet at the Chandler, however, during the meeting we can discuss this more in detail. I spent some time and visited 3 of the local hotels to inquire about meeting rooms. The price is around \$125 per meeting. One hotel seemed positive at first and said they would be willing to allow us a room for free if we would hold our annual banquet in their restaurant. Later that evening, they called to say the boss said no and the price stands as posted. The library is our best friend.

April will be a great meeting for those of us who really enjoy the action of an auction environment. I hope that all members will be able to attend and bring lots of materials for sale as well as lots of cash or checks to buy these items. Remember, all sales are donated to the club on this one. Numismatic material is always welcome, but everything and anything can be brought in for a "white elephant sale". Maybe Dave will bring in a classic muscle car to sell. <teasing>

See you at the April 20th meeting.

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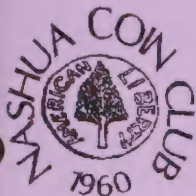


## **NEXT MEETING 20 APRIL AT THE CHANDLER LIBRARY**

### **COIN OF THE MONTH**

**White Elephant sale. Bring any items you wish to sell and donate the proceeds to the club. Also bring your check or cash to buy other items.**





# NASHUA NUMISMATIST

April 2004

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## President's Message

Randy Bullis

I had a great time at the white elephant sale last meeting. I came home with a lot of neat stuff of which my wife asked "what the heck are you gonna do with that?". I am sorry to say, though, that I will miss this meeting because I will be in Washington D.C. for a training class this next week. I have not heard from our secretary since the last meeting so I'm not sure if he will be there either. Will someone please take minutes for the newsletter? You can either email them to me at or mail them to Randy Bullis, 73 Mansion Road, Dunbarton, NH 03046. Thank you.

This month's theme is real women on coins. I have put together a quiz with some easy and some tough questions. Good luck.

The month of June is coming and so will good weather. I know that several members, including myself that have metal detectors. Some members use them a lot while others, such as myself have used it very little with poor results. I am suggesting that the theme of June's meeting be coin finds and the finding of them. If everyone is in agreement, then let's bring in our detectors and have the skilled members show us how to use them properly.

One more item. Can I get an email address for those of you with one? It would make it so handy to be able to get ahold of someone in the event that I can't make a meeting.

Thanks and have a good time this month. See you in June.

The U.S. commemorative quarter for the Columbian Exposition of 1893 is known by another name which refers to the famous lady on that quarter. What is this name and who is she?

Many U.S. coins have an allegorical design of Liberty on them, the Morgan dollar being no exception, however, George Morgan hired a schoolteacher as a model for his depiction of Liberty. Who is she?

The Maria Theresa taler. A one ounce silver coin from Austria has been produced for many, many years. How many dates are on these coins and what are they?

In 1995, the Special Olympic's commemorative silver dollar had a real woman on it. Who is she?

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## **NEXT MEETING 12 MAY AT THE CHANDLER LIBRARY**

### **COIN OF THE MONTH**

**Any coin with a depiction of a  
real woman.**

This month's quiz Answers:

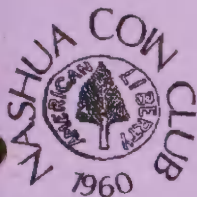
The Isabella Quarter because Queen Isabella of Spain is featured on the obverse.

Anna Williams. She lost her teaching job in Philadelphia when the school board found out.

1780. The taler was a coin to host trade with the Arabian world. The only one they trusted. They are all dated 1780 since this was the queen's year of death.

Eunice Kennedy Shriver, founder of the Special Olympics.





# NASHUA NUMISMATIST

May 2004

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## NASHUA COIN CLUB

Minutes of the Meeting

12 May 2004

The meeting was opened at 7:12PM by Vice President Bob Landry with the Pledge of Allegiance. Nine members were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's Report was read and approved. Correspondence consisted of the usual magazines and mail offers, with the annual renewal of the Library space. The Secretary sent in the required information and we are slated for the Second Wednesday of each month until September 2004. After that the Library will consider our request.

Concern was expressed for Roger Levesque who had fallen in the parking lot after last month's meeting. Nobody has heard from him in the intervening time. Other missing members were mentioned: Ken Young, Don Pickering, John Statkum. We miss them.

Under Old Business, the Bedford show in October was mentioned. Does the club want to have a table as we did last year. Staffing is the big issue as only three members did it last year. NENA is considering asking ANA to hold a grading seminar in conjunction with the show but only mild interest was shown.

Under new business, it was moved and carried that another White Elephant Sale be done in November, just in time for Christmas. The monthly quiz had a bonus with the published quiz plus the unpublished one. Everyone learned from them. Show and Tell had Charlie Dube with of a copy of Weir's [Beach] Times containing an article about the Dupont Dollar and a Siegler & Co

catalog with lots of overpriced numismatic items in it. Frank Clark told of his finds while cleaning out an old house: a two-tailed Jefferson nickel with the seam on top (one side was hollowed out and the other cut down so it would fit) and two old brass lanterns. Frank announced that he may be sailing from the Gulf of Mexico to Alaska via the Magellan Straits on an oil rig converted to a radar platform. Bob Fritsch showed souvenirs from his recent visit to the Central States show in Milwaukee and a coin photography accessory that diffuses the light. Charlie Dube showed a Halifax token from 1815 that was counterstamped V.I. He stated that he got a 2004 Silver Eagle from a car dealer. Bob Fritsch showed a French silver jeton commemorating the establishment of the Paris-Orleans Railroad in 1838, and Cliff LoVerme showed blown-up pictures of the new \$50 bill scheduled for release in the Fall.

Upcoming events are Gary Galbo's auction on 26 May, the Third Sunday show this Sunday, and the ANA in Pittsburgh August 18-22. Jim Matthews won \$1.75 from the attendance raffle.

Coin of the Month was Real Women on coins. In the pot were a 2000P Sackie Buck; 2003P Alabama Quarter featuring Helen Keller; a Bermuda 10¢ with Queen Elizabeth II; a German 50 Pfennig with a woman planting an oak tree (allegorical figure); a 1979 Netherlands 5¢ showing Queen Juliana; a 1987 Canada \$1 with QEII; a 1973 UK 50 Pence commemorating Britain's entry into the Common Market (QEII) [This coin has a special story – the design shows a circle of touching hands, and one of the hands is feminine, representing the Queen's hand.]; a 2000D Sackie Buck; a 1995 UK 1 Penny; a 1979 Canada 25¢; a

1979P SBA Dollar; and a 1987 UK 5 Pence. Dave Heimbach won the pot. A side discussion started on the longevity of paper dollars and Dave Heimbach revealed that he is going on a field trip to the Boston Federal Reserve Bank. Next month's COTM is Found Coins. All Coin Shooters are invited to bring their equipment and their interesting finds.

The meeting was closed at 8:58PM. The next meeting is Wednesday, 9 June.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert F. Fritsch  
Secretary

## President's Message

Hi gang. Sorry I missed the last meeting and once again, I am saddened to report that I may miss this coming meeting as well. It is up in the air, if I will be out of town or not. If I cannot make it, will someone please take the minutes? (preferably someone with email that can get them to me easily)

I see the coin of the month of a real woman was very successful. Excellent job everybody.

I also notice that Summer is coming up fast and because of this, members are disappearing during the nice weather. Please remember that the rest of us are longing for your return and will be here for you when you come back, so come back soon, we miss each and every one of you.

On a numismatic note, has anyone noticed the U.S. Mint products this year? The Lewis and Clark Coin and Currency set priced at \$90 (ouch, when did that price go up?) and sold out in 5 days. The Britannia and Silver Eagle set sold at \$50. A little pricey but I ordered one. Can't wait to show it around because I need a second opinion. Is that a rare matte proof Silver Eagle?

See you all soon I hope.  
Randy

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## **NEXT MEETING 9 JUNE AT THE CHANDLER LIBRARY**

### **COIN OF THE MONTH**

**Any FOUND coin. Don't forget to bring your metal detectors.**



## Nashua Coin Club

### Minutes

9 June 2004

Meeting was opened at 7:08 PM by Ken Camelius who read the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes were approved as read. Randy arrived during the reading of the minutes toting the American Flags and his two month old daughter Nicole. We then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Six members and two guests were present, three guests if you include Nicole. There were no treasurer's report nor correspondence read.

Due to the threat of ominous thunder clouds we went right outside to get in as much metal detecting demonstration as possible before the rains came. The metal detectors present and their owners are as follows:

Whites Spectrum XLT – Ken C.  
Minelab Explorer XS – Ken C.  
Tesoro Toltec 100 – Frank  
Whites Classic III – Randy  
Whites IDX Pro – Robert Gagnon (guest)

Ken and Frank explained the operation of their equipment and demonstrated their use. Frank brought an assortment of beach sand digging tools and explained their use. Ken brought earth digging tools and demonstrated his prowess as he proceeded to detect and dig up two Washington quarters, three Lincoln Memorial cents, one NH Highway token and one piece of copper flashing. He also taught us the correct way to replace the disturbed sod so as to remain in good standing with the Chandler Library staff. After about thirty minutes the rains came and we went back inside the Library.

Discussion remained on the topic of metal detection and treasure finding. Ken explained that he was a member of the Massachusetts Treasure Hunting Association. He gave us their website: . Frank brought a tin box weighing at least ten pounds which was filled with items he had found while scanning the sands of Ballemoral's Beach. The box contained mostly late 20th Century US coins but also an assortment of rings, lead fishing weights, craft tools, keys, and even a couple of small plastic toys. Frank mentioned that he was taking the late shift at his job in preparation for his sailing trip aboard the oil rig converted to a radar platform, and would likely be missing quite a few of our next meetings.

Charlie and Randy both mentioned the Mystery of Oak Island which is named for a suspected treasure buried 80 feet below ground and protected by a series of tunnels and platforms. Randy suggested that those of us so equipped do a web search on Oak Island for some interesting reading.

The Coin of the Month was "found coins" and the members brought an assortment of truly ugly coins which consisted of Ken's recent finds listed above, a Washington Quarter found in Cliff's front yard while mowing the lawn, a Washington quarter Randy found on a bar room floor in Houston, TX, a Jefferson nickel from Frank's tin box, and a 1946 Dominican Republic uncavo which Jim found "in change". Jim won the raffle and got to keep his un centavo and the rest of the pot.

The attendance raffle was for \$2.00 and was won by Charlie Dube.

Frank brought a stack of one dollar "Barr" notes that he had obtained in a lot from Gary's auction. He offered

them at face value to any member present. Cliff pointed out that some of the notes had a star following the serial number, making them rarer and that Frank should probably keep those. The star indicates that the notes were replacements for other notes that were damaged or had errors.

For Show and Tell there were an assortment of items. Cliff brought the new US Mint Lewis & Clark Coin and Currency set. Randy remarked at how expensive it was and added that he bought one to hoping that the nickels would be matte proofs, but alas the nickels are only circulation quality. Randy brought the US Mint Legacies of freedom set and submitted for our inspection that the Silver Eagle was a proof strike. He brought a Whitman book of BU Silver Eagles to compare against. The consensus was that the Legacies of Freedom coin was no different from the ones in his Whitman book. Following the treasure theme, Charlie brought two "pieces of eight": triangular cuttings from a milled Spanish dollar and a French 5 francs. He also brought a miniature replica of a 1912 gold \$5 Indian. The miniature was about the size of a hole punched out of a three tab piece of paper. Ken showed a copper or brass 1827 Banco Nacional coin from Buenos Aires which he found on the same site as his famous \$5 Coronet gold piece.

The coin of the month for the next meeting will be any coin with a star on it. Pick a coin that has a story if possible.

The meeting was closed at 8:50 PM.

Submitted by

Cliff LoVerne

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# **NEXT MEETING 14 JULY AT THE CHANDLER LIBRARY**

## **COIN OF THE MONTH**

### **U.S. Coins with stars.**



## NASHUA COIN CLUB

Minutes of the Meeting

14 July 2004

The meeting was opened at 7:02PM by President Randy Bullis. Six members were present in the meeting room of the Chandler Library. Even some of our long lost members that work for the school districts showed, at least for the Summer meetings. Welcome back Ken Young and Bruce Heimbach.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved and corrections were made such as the correct spelling of Ken Camilleis' name and the missing hyperlink for the web page of the Massachusetts Treasure Hunting Association. For some reason, our newsletter software omits these items after the words have been turned into hyperlinks by Microsoft Word. Technical talk leading to me attempting to post it again here : <http://www.mass-treasure.com/>

I have placed spaces into the address above so that it would print properly, please omit spaces when entering into your browser.

A discussion was brought up about the Hollis Flea Market which is on every Sunday and is HUGE. It's a must see for all our members. You not only can find coins, but a lot of other interesting items as well. Take Route 111 West out of Nashua, then 122 South. You can't miss it. Look for the traffic jam and the traffic directors. The Hollis Flea was once a very popular

market to pick up old car parts that one needed, and this was mentioned because all the members missed Dave Heimbach. He never misses a meeting, but this time was sadly stranded at Rye Beach with friends, being forced to have a good time. Dave is also into old cars (well, not too old to his Dad). A discussion of our favorite cars of the past and how they can be collected since they all looked different from one another unlike today's cars.

Cliff brought for show and tell, the Edison commemorative silver dollar in Proof and Uncirculated. He noted that the unc's usually go up in value more than the proofs, but the proofs look nicer so he wanted both. This price difference is noted in the 1995 Olympic coins as well.

Charles Dube won the attendance raffle of \$1.50.

We then covered the quiz and noted a correction to the question about quarters through dollars requiring stars. Not true, they require an eagle.

Speaking about stars, why are there 17 stars on the Sacagewea dollar? In 1804, when Lewis and Clark did their exploration, there was 17 states in the union. Cliff said he read this in the coin and currency set which Randy was quoted as saying it was useless.

John brought in the latest Canada Natural Wonders coin which was an ice burg in hieroglyphics. The

question arose on how they make these. Are they stickers, stamped into the metal, or laser etched.

The coin of the month was any coin with a star on it. Cliff brought in an article from Coin World all about the quarters with stars. Included in the raffle were:

Charlie 1998 Jeff nickel, John 2000 Jeff nickel, Cliff 2000 Sackey buck, Randy 2002 Tennessee quarter, Bruce 2000 NH quarter, and Ken Young's 1923A 200 Mark German coin.

Randy won the coin of the month raffle.

Cliff introduced 2 new coins from the French mint commemorating the Louisiana Purchase (or selling of), and World War 2. He bought these not only for the commemoration, but because there are only 20,000 minted.

Ken Young brought in a box of foreign coins and sold some cheap to members. Randy bought an English 1738 half penny for little cash. This is his oldest coin. Cliff mentioned that his Widow mites were older.

The members discussed auctions and auction catalogs specifically the Scofield and too bad we didn't have any from Gary at the time.

The meeting was closed at 8:58.PM. The next meeting is 11 August.

Respectfully submitted,  
Randy Bullis  
President





## **JULY QUIZ**

Stars are very popular items on U.S. coins. They come in multiple varieties and meanings. To date, there is only one star we don't have on a coin and that may change soon if Ronald Reagan gets placed on a coin.

1. Which U.S. cents have stars on them?
2. Of those cents in question number 1, some have 13 stars, and some have 15 stars, why? What do the stars represent?
3. Which coins of our current circulating pieces have stars?
4. Are there any stars on the Walking Liberty half dollar?
5. Only a few U.S. gold coins have no stars. Which ones?
6. Do any state quarters have stars and if so, which ones?
7. I thought I had read that all denominations from quarter to dollar were to have stars on them per law. However, there are a very few issues that do not have stars on them. Can you name them?

### **President's Message Randy Bullis**

I had an excellent time at the June meeting. Even though I had to bring my daughter, she slept through most of the meeting making it easy to get things done. I'm glad so many members brought their metal detectors. Even the guests brought a member's detector. Thank you Bruce for sending these fine and interesting folks our way. It was a pleasure to speak with them.

I learned so much about metal detecting that evening and it worked so well on the lawn of the library that it inspired me to finally get out and try my hand at it. That next week, I trotted down to a couple of old cellar holes and found nothing but tin cans. Undiscouraged, I ventured to the parking lot of the motor bike trails. Here I found 2 quarters, 4 cents (very badly destroyed, zinc of course), 1 dime, and 1 key. I also found more tin cans, but I am getting better at recognizing the sound of those on my detector. Because of this, though, I am very impressed with Bruce's detector and how it tells you what is in the ground. I think I would like to upgrade to that model some day. I was also very impressed with Ken's detector. Not only did it tell you what was in the ground, but how far down it was. I'm surprised it didn't tell you how tough the digging would be (chuckle). However, that model is beyond my price range for the amount of times I metal detect.

Once again, thanks to everyone for making a very informative meeting and very fun. I look forward to seeing you all again soon.





## AUGUST QUIZ

1. Do you know the state quarter reverse that has an old man with no hair?
2. In 1965, Great Britain commemorated a World War 2 Prime Minister on this crown? Can you name this bald man?
3. Currently, a Franklin half dollar is considered a full strike if it has Full Bell Lines. In the past, what was used to designate a full strike?
4. In 1966, the Republic of China celebrated the birthday of this bald leader on the 1 yuan copper nickel coin. What is his name?

## JULY QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Large cents of 1808 – 1857
2. 13 stars represented the 13 original states. The original idea was to add a star for every state that entered the union. When the mint reached 15, they realized this may be a mistake and decided to stick with 13 permanently. Also, the 1828 should be mentioned, which has 12 stars, but I believe this was a mistake.
3. Jefferson nickel, Kennedy half dollar, Sacagawea dollar.
4. Yes, Liberty is wrapped in a U.S. flag with the stars showing and also the sun is shown on the obverse.
5. He one dollar type 2 and type 3, and the 3 dollar piece.
6. Massachusetts 1, Texas 1, New Hampshire 9, New York 11, South Carolina 1, Tennessee 3, Illinois 21, Indiana 19.
7. Washington quarter (except for 1976 and state issues), Franklin half dollar, Peace dollar.







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# **NEXT MEETING 11 AUGUST AT THE CHANDLER LIBRARY**

## **COIN OF THE MONTH**

**Any coin with a bald headed man on it.**

**A personal favorite of the president.**

## NASHUA COIN CLUB

Minutes of the Meeting

August 11, 2004

The meeting opened at 7:10 with Randy leading the pledge of allegiance. The Summer season was definitely in full swing since only 5 members were in attendance.

Bob Fritsch left a note and the club's correspondence at the front desk. Good thing, we have a new contact at the ANA for club newsletters and she says she enjoys reading our newsletters as well. Bob will be at the ANA convention in Pittsburgh representing many fine clubs including ours. No members present at this meeting were able to make it to the convention. Too bad because it's very close to us this year. We also missed the opportunity to donate to the ANA convention since the correspondence didn't make it to us in time. Apologies.

First order of the day, was for Ken to give out free medals to every member. Canada's National Air Show from the 70's. Ken then brought out his show and tell for the evening. New Hampshire tokens were in first order, then a whole box of various coins. He showed a 1812 Bust half, 1885's Gold \$5 piece with a huge S mint mark, a few civil war tokens, and an 1838 Slave token. The members were offered the chance at bargains and to purchase some of these coins at twice the price Ken paid for them 20,30, 40 years ago.

Ken also did a presentation about Eddie Dane, the precision of Eddie Dane coin holders, and a short story on the vest pocket dealer. This gent used to be a top member of our club.

We then covered the quiz and the question about Franklin's full strike pulled a funny response. Question number 3, Currently, a Franklin half dollar is considered a full strike if it has Full Bell Lines. In the past, what was used to designate a full strike. The answer "the shine on the bald head" was not the correct answer, but was funny. The correct answer of the 3 wisps of hair in front of Ben's ear was.

Coins in the coin of the month raffle included a 1965 Churchill Crown from Randy, a 1958-D Franklin half from Cliff, and 2 1972-D Ike dollars from Jim and Tim. Ken could not find a bald head in any of his coins, although we tried to convince him that the little wear on the 5\$ gold piece would suffice. The coin of the month raffle was won by Jim Matthews.

Cliff also brought in some great coins for show and tell. These were a 1986 Statue of Liberty commemorative piedfort from the France mint. Also, a 2004 silver 50 pence from England commemorating the 50th anniversary of the 4 minute mile done by Roger Bannister. It was noted that today, the mile is run around the 3 minute 30 second mark.

The attendance raffle was won by Tim Samson and it was \$1.25

Next coin of the month will be any coin with a male monarch. One member is thinking of bringing in a gold sovereign for the raffle. No one will want to miss this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Randy Bullis, President

## Prez Sayz

**Wow, is it that time of year already?**

I received 2 important pieces of mail tonight and both reminded me about the same major event coming up. September 30th to October 3, the Wayfarer Inn and Convention Center in Bedford, NH will host the New Hampshire Coin and Currency Exposition. This major show occurs only once a year and is promising to be bigger and better this year than last. The mail I received told me that Gary Galbos will be auctioning some fine coins in his Small Cents II auction during the evening hours of the show. The other piece of mail informed me of a seminar on the Grading of United States Coins presented by the ANA and The New England Numismatic Association. This seminar will give you the information you need to apply grading to any US coin confidently. I have taken this course by mail and would have loved to have been able to do it in person. The instructors will be Mary Sauvain, former ANACS authenticator, and Thomas Hallenbeck, former ANA governor. Students will come away with knowledge, hand-outs, study guides, a zippered vinyl briefcase, and a certification of completion. Yes, the price of the course may seem steep, \$300, however, I thought it was worth every cent I paid and that was the mail course.

During this meeting, we will be discussing the upcoming expo, arranging volunteers for the club table, our raffle for a membership, coins with male monarchs, the annual banquet and awards, show and tell, and more. Please don't miss this one. See you all soon.  
Randy

# AUGUST QUIZ

1. Who is the king is on the "KING" of Canadian dollars?
2. What was the last year that King George the third, appeared on a coin minted within the United States?
3. Who is the king on the 1723 Woods Hibernia halfpenny? By the way, this coin will be in the coin of the month raffle (\$40 value).

## **Notice to all you state quarter roll collectors.**

I have been contacted by a gentleman that has a greater number of D mint marked rolls that would love to trade for P mint marked rolls. I will bring in his email to the meeting, however, his address is [pace@championconstructors.com](mailto:pace@championconstructors.com)

## **Small Cents II Auction**

**October 1st 7:30 P.M. At the Wayfarer Inn and Convention Center**

## **JULY QUIZ ANSWERS**

**At the New Hampshire Coin and Currency Expo**

1. New Hampshire
2. Winston Churchill
3. 3 wisps of hair on Ben's ear
4. Chiang Kai-shek

**Bedford, NH**

**Be there, it's fun!**



# STEP BY STEP

by Ken Camilleis

When I was 13, I spent \$32,200 for a cup of grape soda. Why did I do such a silly thing, and what in the world was I doing with \$32,200 at age 13?!

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Upon returning from a camping trip on a hot summer day, I'd become so thirsty that I felt I'd been on a desert island. There was a soda machine at the community center that would gracefully dispense a cool drink to me if I would feed it 15 cents. But all I had was 10. Well, actually I did have the 15 cents, but hang on for a moment, dear reader...

About two years earlier, after having "graduated" from Lincoln cents to Jefferson nickels as a Whitman folder assembly, and shortly after the mass release of the 1964 nickel issues from both mints, I noted with keen interest that the steps of Monticello on the '64 nickels usually came weakly struck. Occasionally, if I had \$2 I'd sneak over to the bank (a 20-minute walk across a divided highway which my parents forbade me to cross) and buy a roll of nickels so that I could study and compare the step strikes from one nickel to another. At that time there was also a good mix of Buffalo nickels still in circulation, and I'd save those with readable dates. I soon came to the conclusion that the later Denver mint issues seldom came with 6 (or even 5) full steps and most of the time the steps were completely mooshed even on uncirculated (or close to it) pieces. Although the Buffalo nickels were usually well-worn, most of the Jeffersons in circulation were in good enough condition so that if they'd been struck with full or nearly full steps, the steps would have remained intact despite the circulation.

Late in 1966 I began to upgrade my Jefferson nickel collection by "filling in the holes" such as 1938-S, '39-D & S and the "almighty" (at the time) '50-D and others I was unable to get in change or from the bank, and also replacing the later dates with "Unc." Pieces. I distinctly remember going to S. L. Stone's in Boston and picking up the ten 1960-64 P-D nickels. I noted that the '60-D had steps far better than I'd seen on any '60-D in well over a year of "nickel step study". The base was completely outlined and as I recall (well, it was only 37 years ago) the steps were mostly if not completely defined. My collector peers to whom I flaunted my collection thought that I was totally wacko for paying attention to such minute details on twenty-cent collector value coins.

Now, back to the soda dispenser in the community center in the summer of '67 ... I had two nondescript nickels with me, and I'd just about completed a phase of selling, spending or trading most of my Jeffersons for "bigger and better" stuff. I had one left – the "stepped" '60-D, and it was in a small pocket in my camp bag. After trying to wangle the machine to grant me my libation after the two nickels, hoping it would "miscalculate", I decided what the heck, it can't be worth much, and I'm way too thirsty and not about to go begging for a nickel. So in went the '60-D, and out came a stream of purple passion into a plastic cup. The bubbly grapelike sweetness instantly quenched my thirst.

Fast forward to August 14, 2004. Plain and simple, a 1960-D nickel graded PCGS MS-64 with "Full Steps" sold in a Bowers & Merena at a hammer price of \$28,000, and with a 15% buyers fee added on, the total "damage" was \$32,200. So perhaps it cost me that much for that deliciously soothing grape drink way back then. Out of curiosity I viewed the image on their Web site. It is said in so many words that to this day only a handful of '60-D nickels are known with full steps, despite that fact that more than 192 million 1960-D nickels were coined.

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Down the years, I'd essentially forgotten that incident at the community center, except for a few stray occasions when I'd read something about Full Step nickels. I was especially intrigued by an article in a 1980 Coin Dealer newsletter (at a time when the "type" coin market was red-hot and no one would blink at a Jefferson) which was about Full Step nickels and spoke of the "PAK Full Step Nickel" Club; in this article the '60-D and '61-D stood out as believed to be rare in Full Steps. I should probably hate and feel accursed by grape soda now because of what happened with that auction, but no, I enjoy it just as much at 50 as I did at 13. Just last week I went to a restaurant that I knew served – and in fact "coined" their own! – grape soda. And as I was drinking the soda I thought of those two '60-D nickels, the one that I spent thirty-seven years ago and the one that sold at auction for \$32,200 ... *step by step*.

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**Any coin with a male monarch.**



# NASHUA NUMISMATIST

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## NASHUA COIN CLUB Minutes of the Meeting 8 Sept 2004

The meeting was opened by Randy at 7:05 with 8 members present. We immediately started by discussing the upcoming NH Coin Exposition in Bedford during the first weekend in October. A coin grading seminar will be hosted by the ANA and was highly recommended by at least two members in the club.

A raffle for a free club membership will be held. Randy will make up some raffle tickets and prepare the table on Friday. Cliff, Don, and Ken also volunteered to cover the table during some times during the weekend.

Coin of the month was any coin with a male monarch. Don brought 1583 Lithuanian 3 Grossi made of silver with King Stephen Bathory. He also brought for Tim a 1922 Canada 5 cent. Ken Y. brought in a 1941 6 Pence from England for Dave and a 1962 5 Ore from Norway with King Olav for his own submission. Randy submitted a 1723 Woods Hibernia and a 1951 steel 5 cent from Canada for Jim. Cliff put in a 1937 Canadian dollar in XF and last, Ken C. brought 1921 Canadian cent he found in the ground at a school in Brookline Mass.

Due to the interest in the 1583 Lithuanian coin, Don told us some stories about Lithuanian culture, coins, and Victorius Barnanuskus.

The coin raffle was won by Tim. What a great haul. Good value. His duty is to research the value of the coins he won.

The attendance raffle of \$2.00 was won by Jim Matthews.

It was decided to once again hold the annual award banquet at Newicks in Merrimack, NH on Monday, October 11. It was noted to remind everyone that there is a \$15 limit, sodas are included and guests are \$10.00 each.

November's Coin of the Month will be any coin made of nickel.

December's Coin of the Month will be any coin minted during the year of a world's fair. It must be accompanied with information about that world's fair.

Don't forget that November's meeting will also host our White Elephant Sale. Members are asked to bring in no more than 3 boxes of items to sell and donate the proceeds to the club so that we can make sure we have time to auction everything off.

The present members nominated and voted for the awards for year 2003. Results will be presented during the banquet.

We would like to remind everyone that we still have past presidents medals to produce. Randy would like each past president to contact him with the exact years they served so that the process may begin.

The Coin of the Month quiz caused controversy. Question number 2 asked what was the last year that King George the third, appeared on a coin minted within the United States? Randy's research indicated that the Vermont, Connecticut, and New York coppers were minted up until 1788 with the king on them. Other members

stated that all those coins were minted in England.

Show and Tell started with Cliff and his items of interest included the Dix civil war token bought from Ken Y. He found an article describing the piece in Coin World the very week after he bought it. He also showed photos of a trip he took to Cape Cod and the Marconi wireless telegraphy transmission site in Wellfleet. Cliff also brought in a collection of gold sovereigns with kings on them from Canada, England, and Australia.

Ken Young showed a box of coins. Highlights included Canadian coins 1937 5 cent with dot, 1951 5 cent commemorative, and a 1943 tombac 5 cent.

Ken Camilleis proudly showed his William and Mary half penny from 1694 that he found. He also showed a 1955 P mint Jefferson nickel that he found in the ground and noted that he hardly ever finds these whether in the ground or in pocket change. He also gave us a tongue in cheek display of a furniture mover called the Super Slider. He said it was better to move a desk with than using an AU58 coin.

Respectfully submitted,  
Randy Bullis, President



## President's Message

Randy Bullis

The leaves are changing, the air is cool even though the sun on my face is warm, and I'm in the woods, 16 feet off the ground in a hunting stand waiting for a black bear to show up. I've had days where I sit up here for 3 hours and see nothing, so what a perfect place to take out a notepad and write down some thoughts about the Nashua Coin Club.

I wanted to get this newsletter out early so that you will all receive it before the NH Coin Expo the weekend of Oct 1st through the 3rd. Yes, we will have a table there and yes, we need volunteers. We will be handing out pamphlets and telling folks about our club and what we do there, including our coin hand outs for the Young Numismatist Program. We will also be hosting a raffle for a free one year membership in the club. I can stop in early Friday morning and set up the table, but cannot man it that day because of work. If anyone can come in for a little while during the afternoon or eve, that would be great. Saturday, I plan to be there most of the day from Noon until 9 P.M. Don't forget, Gary is hosting an auction that evening. Whoever is there that evening, we can do dinner and drinks before the auction. Sounds like a fun time. Sunday? Any volunteers?

October 11th, Monday, Columbus Day, our annual awards banquet will be held at Newicks Seafood in Merrimack, NH. Dinner will be from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. I hope you all can make it. This year, the members voted for a **\$5 charge to each member** that attends, **\$10 per guest** and no limit on the menu items. At this last meeting, we thought we instituted a limit, but discovered that most items on the menu don't go much over the \$15 limit anyways. I have invited Ernie Botte and a guest as a special appreciation for running a fine Coin Expo each year and for donating a table for our club to represent itself. I hope all will help me welcome him and present a President's Award to him for his merits.

At this last meeting, we also decided on Coins of the Month for the next 2 months. If any member has any interesting quiz questions about these, please feel free to email or call them into me. Randenator @ aol.com or 978-837-3603. November is any coin made from nickel. December is any coin minted during a world's fair year.

November meeting is also the White Elephant sale. Please bring in ANY items you would like to sell and bring your checkbook as well. Please remember to only bring no more than 3 boxes of items and nothing can be left in the trash at the library.

Thanks gang and I look forward to seeing you at the show and banquet. Now it's time to climb down and go home to print up the newsletters. This bear isn't going to show today.



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## **NEXT MEETING 11 OCTOBER AT NEWICKS SEAFOOD, MERRIMACK, NH**

**NOVEMBER COIN OF THE MONTH**  
**Any coin made of nickel**



## NASHUA COIN CLUB Minutes of the Meeting Months of Sept/Oct 2004

September/October were busy months for the club, although there isn't all that much to place in the minutes since no meeting was held. Instead, we manned a table at the New Hampshire Coin Exposition in Bedford, NH. This was an incredible show and we had an incredible spot for a table, right at the front entrance. We hosted a raffle and had great participation. We were able to get the word out about our club and what we have to offer. Our winner is mentioned elsewhere in this issue.

On October 11, we held our annual awards banquet at Newicks Seafood in Merrimack, NH. 21 members and guest were present. Everyone had a good meal. Tracy Camilleis won the doorprize raffle of a one ounce silver prospector minted by Engelhard Industries. Congratulations. After our meals, the awards were presented.

A **President's Award** was the first to be announced. The winner was **Ernie Botte**. This was awarded to Ernie to show our appreciation for all he has done for Numismatics in New England and for the Nashua Coin Club. Ernie regretfully could not be with us because of his job keeping him

away and his award will be mailed.

### The **Young Numismatist**

**Award** went to the last of the junior members we have, **Dave Heimbach**. This may be his last one, but it serves as a reminder of the loyalty and devotion to numismatics he has shown as a junior member of the club. He has now turned 18 and will no longer be eligible for this award in the future. He also has to pay higher dues now <chuckle>.

The **Literary Award** goes once again to **Ken Camilleis** for his continued efforts of presenting humorous and educational articles for the newsletter.

### The **Numismatic Achievement Award**

went to **Cliff LoVerme**. Having only been with the club a short while, he has shown us his devotion to numismatics and the club through informative show and tells, various articles he has found relating to the Coin of the Month, and his continued studies of coins and history relating to them.

Last but not least, **Randy Bullis** won the **Gold Medal Award**.

For much of the same reasons he was elected as President, such as his strong commitment to the Nashua Coin Club and numismatics, his knowledge of coins, and his friendly character, made him the right candidate for this award.

## November's Quiz

1. What percentage of nickel did Canadian coins contain? What year did they start minting them in nickel and what year did they stop?
2. What percentage of nickel does American coins contain? What year did they start minting them in nickel?
3. What was the first U.S. coin referred to as a nickel and why?
4. Canada is the second largest producer of nickel, Russia is the first. What city in Canada is well known for it's nickel?
5. What is a hobo nickel?
6. When and where was the first pure nickel coin minted?

Here are some scenes from the 2004 Nashua Coin Club banquet held October 11. 21 members and guests were present and enjoyed some great seafood and chicken.



The 4 award winners  
were

Dave Heimbach –  
Young Numismatist  
Award,

Ken Camilleis –  
Literary Award,

Randy Bullis –  
Gold Medal Award,  
and

Cliff LoVerme –  
Numismatic  
Achievement Award



## Congratulations To Our Winner

We had a lot of participation in our New Hampshire Coin Expo raffle for a one year free membership. Shown in the photo is my 6 month old daughter, Nicole, choosing the



winning ticket. She reached in and grabbed 4 and promptly brought them to her mouth, like everything she picks up. The one closest to her that got the most baby slobber, won. That lucky winner is Jerome Mead of Candia, New Hampshire. Now, as promised, or threatened (depending on your view), I said I would send out one piece of unwanted mail to each participant. Well, this is it. Our October newsletter with the raffle update in it.

If anyone else would like to see what a coin club meeting is all about, look over the info in this packet and stop in for a **FREE MEETING** at the Chandler Library on 257 Main Street in Nashua, NH. We meet every **SECOND WEDNESDAY** of the month from 7 to

9 P.M. Next meeting, therefore, is November 10. I have placed a map on this page to assist you in your quest to the library. We are located on the corner of Kinsley and Main Street. However, a parking lot is available just off Elm Street somewhat behind the library. Please stop in, introduce yourself and see if you think you'll like to be a member.

Remember, we have a Young Numismatist program where kids under 18 receive free coins in return for a little research on those coins. It's a learning experience that will help build a better collection and appreciation of the hobby. Hope to see everyone soon.





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## NASHUA COIN CLUB

Minutes of the Meeting

10 November 2004

The meeting was opened at 7:15PM by President Randy Bullis with the Pledge of Allegiance. Seven members and two guests were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were waived. The Treasurer's Report was read and approved. Correspondence was limited to the usual magazines and mail offers. There was no old business. Guests Michael and Noah Beygeman were welcomed and will join the club. Noah was given a YN bag to work.

There was a brief discussion about expenses incurred by President Bullis and that they would be reimbursed. Coin of the Month was coins made from nickel (or copper-nickel). The quiz was reviewed and that went well. Coins in the raffle included a 1971 Singapore 10¢, 1969 UK 5 New Pence, 2004P US 5¢ Handshake, 2004P US 5¢ Keelboat, 1996 Ireland 5 pence, and a 1960D US 5¢. The next COTM will be coins from World's Fair years.

Ken Young won the attendance raffle of \$2.00. The White Elephant sale then commenced with Charlie Dube calling the auction and Randy Bullis running. The sale netted \$121.50 for club coffers.

The meeting was closed at 8:50PM. The next meeting is 8 December.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert F. Fritsch  
Secretary

## President's Message

Randy Bullis

I had a great time at the white elephant sale last meeting. I hope everyone else did too. I can't believe how aggressive bidders can be at those auctions. I had a tough time winning anything. A great fundraiser gang, well done.

Some sad news has come this last month and some happy news as well. We will miss Jim Matthews at the meetings for awhile for he has taken a new second shift job. Hopefully he will have sick days. <chuckle> On the happy side, we welcome our 2 new members to the club and meetings. **Welcome Noah and Michael Beygeman.** We haven't had the chance yet to talk with them about their interest, but we do know that Noah has a real nice 1858 Flying Eagle cent with small letters and he is in process of collecting Indian Head cents.

Happy Christmas to you all. My want list will be at the bottom of the column <chuckle>, but first, let's talk about the World's Fair. This month's Coin of the Month is any coin from the year of any World's Fair. In this newsletter is a list of those years to chose from. I had a tough time doing research on the fairs. All over the internet are different sources calling it both World's Fair or International Exposition. I also resorted to my 1956 World Book encyclopedia and when you look up World's Fair, it states, please refer to Exposition. I'm not confused when it comes to 1982 World's Fair in Tennessee compared to the 2004 New Hampshire Coin Exposition. I am sure there's a big difference. However, back in the early nineteen hundreds, there was a whole bunch of expositions in the U.S. Some sites tout these as international expositions, and a couple state these were World's Fairs. Each of these appear to be the authority on the subject.

When I received the email from Bob Fritsch detailing his World's Fair research, it confirmed for me which are the REAL fairs. Bob also sent along a great quiz question. I have included it in the quiz and I have also expanded it to include the other expositions in the U.S. I have also got a correction for his answer. <big grin> After last month's quiz that I wrote went down in flames due to incorrect wording, I feel relieved to know other people are human too. When I asked what year Canadian coins made of nickel started and ended, I meant to ask about the silver coins such as dimes, quarters, and halves. The answer would have then been 1968 to 2000. I will bring this quiz up again at this meeting for scrutinization.

Hope to see you all at the meeting and with a Coin of the Month. Good luck on your quiz research.

1. The first part of the paper is devoted to a general discussion of the problem of the existence of a solution of the system of equations (1) for arbitrary values of the parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

2. In the second part we shall consider the case when the parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are small and shall obtain asymptotic expansions of the solutions of the system (1) in powers of these parameters.

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# NOVEMBER QUIZ

1. Name every US coin that was issued for a World's Fair. The accompanying list should help.
2. Can you name the original commemorative coins (1893-1951) and their expositions?
3. Is there any modern commemoratives (1982-present) celebrating expositions?
4. Match the famous expositions with their host city.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Louisiana Purchase Exposition
- \_\_\_\_\_ Panama Pacific International Exposition
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sesquicentennial Exposition
- \_\_\_\_\_ Paris International Exposition
- \_\_\_\_\_ Century of Progress Exposition
- \_\_\_\_\_ Expo '67
- \_\_\_\_\_ Century 21 Exposition
- \_\_\_\_\_ Expo '70

- A. Montreal, Canada
- B. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- C. Paris, France
- D. Osaka, Japan
- E. Seattle, Washington
- F. St. Louis, Missouri
- G. San Francisco, California
- H. Chicago, Illinois

## A List of World's Fairs

Source, *World Almanac*

<u>Year</u>	<u>Place</u>
1851	London
1867	Paris
1876	Philadelphia
1878	Paris
1889	Paris
1893	Chicago
1900	Paris
1904	St Louis
1910	Brussels
1915	San Francisco
1933-34	Chicago
1935	Brussels
1937	Paris
1939-40	New York
1958	Brussels

1962	Seattle
1964-65	New York
1967	Montreal
1970	Osaka
1974	Spokane
1982	Knoxville
1984	New Orleans
1985	Tsukaba, Japan
1986	Vancouver
1988	Brisbane, Australia
1992	Seville
1993	Taejon, S. Korea
1998	Lisbon
2000	Hannover, Germany

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8 December 2004

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The Quiz on World's Fairs was discussed with lots of participation. This is a hot subject that could easily be revisited in the future. A clarification of last month's quiz was given. Items in the raffle included a saucer from the 62 Seattle Century 21 Fair, two 37 5¢ Buffalos; 1904 Indian Head 1¢; 2000P 10¢; 1926 1¢; 1967 Canada Proof-Like set; 1¢ from 84, 88, 93, 2000; and 5¢ from 85, 2000. Bob Fritsch won the pot. Randy Bullis won the Attendance Raffle of \$2.00. The next Coin of the month will be Mercury Dimes.

After the break, Ken Camilleis showed his coinshooting finds including a Barber dime, Canada 1894 Large cent showing Queen Victoria, a George III halfpenny; two Indian Head cents and a US Large cent. Cliff LoVerne had the French Entente Cordiale 1½ Euro of 2004. Bob

Fritsch had a Union Pacific Stock Certificate for 100 shares of common stock and told how collectable these items were, then put the certificate in the auction. He also had a French cigarette lighter disguised as a Napoleon III 5 Franc coin. Noah Beygelman showed an Egyptian 5 Milleme coin from last month's grab bag and Bob explained the symbols and numbers in Arabic on the coin. Charlie Dube showed a clipping about the Strawberry Leaf Large Cent, then told of his recent travels. The first was a trip down the Danube where he saw Germany, Austria, Bosnia, and Hungary. He didn't see lots of things he wanted to but the countryside was nice. That trip lasted for 15 days. No sooner was he home than he took off for Turkey where he saw Istanbul, Ankara and several other cities and sites. He showed a medal from the Military Museum in Istanbul, an Attaturk medal, and a set of obsolete Turkish coins. Hyperinflation makes 1.5 million Turkish Lire worth \$1.00. His high point was seeing the Hagia Sophia church in Istanbul.

Charlie then called the auction which netted \$11 for the club. The meeting was closed at 8:58.PM. The next meeting is 12 January 2005. Happy New Year to all.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert F. Fritsch  
Secretary

## SHOW CALENDAR 2005

13-16 Jan - FUN Ft. Lauderdale, FL  
14-16 Jan - NY International  
**16 JAN - 3rd SUNDAY, HOLIDAY INN**  
16 Jan - Keene, NH  
17 Jan - Centennial Auction, Holiday Inn Nashua  
23 Jan - Westford  
30 Jan - Brattleboro, VT

24-26 Feb - Long Beach, CA  
**20 FEB - 3rd SUNDAY, HOLIDAY INN**  
27 Feb - Westford

12-14 Mar - Baltimore, MD  
19-21 Mar - Bay State Boston  
**20 MAR - 3rd SUNDAY, HOLIDAY INN**  
27 Mar - Willimantic, CT

## President's Message

Randy Bullis

We have an awesome meeting coming up. Dead of Winter, short short days, and warm weather. ???????? Yep, it's been around 35 to 50 degrees lately, but it hasn't dampened my Christmas spirit. The Coin of the Month is the Mercury dime. Not that we haven't done this already a couple of times, but let's face it, it's one pretty coin! We also have a special treat. Mike and Noah are going to bring in their PCGS Registry set of Mercury dimes. One of the highlights for show and tell will be the 1921 graded MS-65 Full Split Bands. Bring your



magnifying glasses  
everyone for examination!

Taking Mike's idea, I have decided to register my set of PCGS graded Liberty nickels onto PCGS.com. My set ranks number 17. Not bad, if I do say so myself. This is fun! If you get the chance, please go on and check out the registry sets. You can see some great photos as well. I will bring this set in for examination as well.

Also, to make the meeting just that more interesting, I am placing into the Coin of the Month raffle, a slabbed 1943 Mercury dime MS63 FSB by ANACS.

We also have elections of officers. Position of President, and up to 3 Vice Presidents. Below are some nominees in alphabetical order that have been chosen with the criteria of membership activity and attendance. Ballots will be cast during the meeting. Please come in and make your vote count and to see the excellent display of coins.

Randy Bullis, Ken Camilleis, Charlie Dube, Bob Fritsch, Tim Samson, Cliff LoVerme, Ken Young

## Of Attributes and Cherry Pickers

RANDY BULLIS

"Yea, though I walk through the assembly of coin dealer tables, I shall fear no raw coin, for I am the best cherry picker at the show."

Ah, attributes. Without them, there wouldn't be any cherry pickers at coin shows. A cherry picker is a numismatist that is knowledgeable in a field of varieties or attributes, more so than the person he is buying the coin from, thus providing our numismatist with fortunes untold. Whether one searches for Overton varieties on Bust halves, VAM varieties on Morgan dollars, Snow attributions on Indian Head cents or fully struck coins, one has to peruse the raw coin, or those in 2 X 2's at the shows. Let's face it, if the grading company that put the coin in a slab was any good, they would have already attributed the coin, so the best place to start is with the raw ones.

There are many books relating to coin varieties and attributions. Anyone interested in finding those coins someone overlooked should buy one or two of these books and do some studying. This approach will also work for under-graded coins and those that are not recognized as fully struck. The Coin of the Month is one that gets overlooked often for a full strike. The Mercury or Winged Liberty dime has a striking problem, or at least it's dies did. The horizontal bands on the reverse that hold the bundle of sticks together and make it into a fasces, are sometimes just a blob of metal even on a perfect uncirculated coin. What the cherry picker is looking for is full! split bands or FSB or FB for short. There will be 2 distinct bands split by a line between them. This designates a fully struck coin.

There are many coins that don't strike properly and a fully struck specimen is worth more, both in eye appeal to the collector and in price. Finding them is the time consuming, but easy. Next time you're at the Nashua Third Sunday Coin Show, take a walk around asking for raw, uncirculated Mercury dimes. Using your magnifying loop, examine the reverses of these coins and see if you can find a Full Split Band coin. I know every time I find a 1945, I check the reverse. I have never found a fully struck example, but then, many people haven't because this coin is the king of the Mercury dime series with FSB. Yep, a common date that sells cheap possibly worth hundreds of dollars with a full strike.

You say Mercury dimes are tough to locate and are pricey. OK then, how about searching through Roosevelt dimes. They too, have a FSB designation, however two fold. On the reverse is a torch with bands holding it together at the top and the bottom. To have a fully struck coin, both sets of bands must be full and split. I cannot tell you which coin is the king for I am lacking in knowledge in this set. What I can tell you is, so aren't many others including dealers. The bargains are out there, all you need to do is cherry pick. Good luck and if you learn anything about the Roosevelt series, please let me know.



## by Bob Fritsch / Randy Bullis

Winged Liberty Head Dimes, aka Mercury, are some of the prettiest coins in the US inventory. How much do you know about them? First four questions are taken from the Red Book.

1. This symbol on the reverse of the Mercury Dime was simultaneously used by the Fascists in Italy for their coinage. What is it?
2. Who designed the Mercury Dime and what contemporary US coin did he also design?
3. What are the key dates of the set according to conventional wisdom?
4. What is unusual about the 1923D Mercury Dime?
5. Full Strikes Quiz

Place the letter of the coin, next to the full strike designation. Note: most are commonly used however, there is one that is little known, and one that is a joke.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Full Step
- \_\_\_\_\_ Full horn
- \_\_\_\_\_ Full bands
- \_\_\_\_\_ Full bell lines
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3 full diamonds
- \_\_\_\_\_ Full corn kernals
- \_\_\_\_\_ Full hand
- \_\_\_\_\_ Full breast feathers
- \_\_\_\_\_ Full head
- \_\_\_\_\_ Full talons
- \_\_\_\_\_ Complete sap

Indian Head cent

## Walking Liberty half

### Standing Liberty quarter

Buffalo nickel

Vermont State quarter

Jefferson nickel

Morgan dollar or old reverse Washington quarter

Mercury or Roosevelt dime

Susan B. Anthony dollar

Liberty nickel

Franklin half dollar

## NOVEMBER ANSWERS:

- |            |   |   |
|------------|---|---|
| 1.         | 1893 Columbian Exposition in Chicago:       | Isabella Quarter and Columbian Half.  |
| 1904       | Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis: | Louisiana Purchase Gold Dollar with Jefferson, Louisiana Purchase Gold Dollar with McKinley. (The Lewis and Clark Dollars were for a different exposition.) |
| 1915       | Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco: | Pan-Pac Half, P-P Gold Dollar; P-P Gold \$2.50, P-P Gold \$50 Round, P-P Gold \$50 Octagonal.   |
| 2.         | 1893 Isabella Quarter                       | Columbian Exposition, Chicago   |
| 1936       | Cleveland half                              | Great Lakes Exposition, Cleveland   |
| 1892, 1893 | Columbian Half                              | Columbian Exposition, Chicago   |
| 1915       | Panama-Pacific half                         | Panama-Pacific Exposition, San Francisco  |
| 1935, 1936 | San Diego half                              | California-Pacific Exposition, San Diego  |
| 1926       | Sesquicentennial of American Independence   | International Fair, Philadelphia  |
| 1934-1938  | Texas Centennial half                       | Texas Centennial Exposition, Dallas   |
| 1904-1905  | Lewis and Clark dollar                      | Lewis and Clark Exposition, Portland  |
| 1903       | Louisiana Purchase dollar                   | Louisiana Purchase Exposition, St. Louis  |
| 1915       | Panama Pacific dollar                       | Panama-Pacific Exposition, San Francisco  |
| 1915       | Panama Pacific \$50                         | Panama-Pacific Exposition, San Francisco  |
| 3.         | NO  |   |
| 4.         |   |   |
| F          | Louisiana Purchase Exposition               | St. Louis, Missouri   |
| G          | Panama Pacific International                | San Francisco, California   |
| B          | Sesquicentennial Exposition                 | Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  |
| C          | Paris International Exposition              | Paris, France   |
| H          | Century of Progress Exposition              | Chicago, Illinois   |
| A          | Expo '67                                    | Montreal, Canada  |
| E          | Century 21 Exposition                       | Seattle, Washington   |
| D          | Expo '70                                    | Osaka, Japan  |

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